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Extracts.

THE OLD MAN'S DREAM.

BY OLIVER W. HOLMES.

Oh, for one hour of youthful joy!
Give back my twentieth Spring!
I'd rather laugh a bright-blinded boy
Than reign a grey-headed king.

Off with the wrinkled spoils of age,
Away with laughing wrinkles!
Tear off life's widow's-written page
And dash its trophies down.

One moment let my life-blood stream
From boyhood's font of flame;
Give me one giddy, roiling dream
Of life, all love and joy.

My listening angel heard the prayer,
And, only smiling, said:
"If I untouch thy silvered hair,
Thy lusty wish hath sped."

"But is there nothing in thy track
To bid thee fondly stay?
Wilt thou the sweetest season hurry back
To find the sweetest day?"

Ah, sweet heart of my youth!
Without thee what were I?
One bliss I cannot leave behind—
I'll take my prophetic vision!

The single took a supple pen
And wrote with morning dew
The man would be a boy again
And be a husband, too!

"And is there nothing yet unsaid,
Before the change appears?
Remember all those old-time friends
With the reviving years!"

Why, yes, for memory would recall
My fond, paternal joys;
I could not bear to leave them all—
I'll take my prophetic vision!

The smiling angel dropped his pen—
"Why then, I fear do you
The man would be a boy again
And be a father, too!"

And so I laughed—my laugh awake
The household with its noise—
And wrote my dream, when morning broke,
To please the grey-haired boys.

THE OLDEST HUMAN RELIC.

In the British Museum at the British

Museum is to be seen the skeleton of one

Pharaoh Mycerinus, a mummy of the

original burial-clothes, and surrounded by

fragments of the coffin, wherein the name of

his occupant can be easily read by Egyptian

characters, affording conclusive evidence that it

once contained the mummy of a king who

was reigning in Egypt more than a century

before the time of Abraham. The proof is

thus explained in the *Illustrated Magazine*,

April, 1866. About two years ago, Her

Duchess, a German explorer of the monu-

ments of Egypt, following up the indications

provided out by M. Mariette, a distinguished

archæologist, discovered on the buried walls

of the temple of Osiris, Abydos, a large tablet

containing the names of the ancient Pharaohs

from the time of Mycerinus—the grandson of

Noah, and founder of the Egyptian monarchy

—to that of Pharaoh Seti I., the father of

the well-known Kingesses of nine centuries

viz. from a. c. 2200 to a. c. 1400. This

tablet, by far the most important yet dis-

covered, has been compared to the sculptured

figures of the Kings of England, at the

Crystal Palace, from William the Conqueror

to Her Majesty Queen Victoria. Astronomical

evidence, moreover, enables us to deter-

mine the time of two important epochs in the

history of Egypt, one of which is con-

nected with our present subject. Sir John

Herschel has fixed the age of the Great

Pyramid of Ghizeh to the middle of the

twenty-second century a. c. The tablet of

Abydos shows that the Pharaohs whose

names are on it were buried in the Great

Pyramid with only two intervening

Kings. We are, therefore, warranted in as-

suming that the remains of Pharaoh My-

cerinus belong to the age to which we have

assigned them.—*The World of Wonder*.

THE SHIELD OF ACHILLES.

The famous episode of the Shield of

Achilles in Homer is, in its conception, alike

daring and simple; its execution alike com-

pelling and gorgeous. From the shield, with

its telling sharpness of outline

and the telling sharpness of outline

with which they are presented. The

employment of a divine personage as the ar-

tist of the shield seems to show that the

design went far beyond anything which the

eyes of his countrymen had been wont to

view, and was in effect conceived in the mind

of the poet, not founded on a whole, but

permeated, and not representative of, but very

much more advanced than, the art of the

period in which he lived. The introduction

of the god has the advantage, too, of en-

IOWA IN SUMMER.

In winter, when an almost perpetual night

covers the wastes of this frozen land, and

the waves of a stormy ocean threaten

the shores, imagination can hardly picture

the scene, but in summer, when the

rugged nature of Iowa reveals itself with

many a charm. Then the eye roves with

delight on green valleys and crystal lakes,

on the purple hills and snow-capped mountains

rising in Alpine grandeur above the distant

horizon, and the stranger might almost be

tempted to exclaim with his patriotic song,

"This is the land of the most interesting—"

through its history, its inhabitants, and

above all, its natural curiosities—no one can

doubt. It has all that can please and

fascinate the poet, the artist, the geologist,

or the historian; the present affluence

alone, accustomed to view a country merely

for its productions, might, with some

completeness from a land without corn, without

forests, without mineral riches, and covered

for about two-thirds of its surface with logs,

lava-wastes, and glaciers.—*The Polar World*.

HENRY AND GREGORY VII.

The coronation of Absalom, according to

the ancient tale of the Roman history, re-

mained to be completed. The Pope, vested

in violet, and wearing his mitre, took his

seat at the principal entrance to the church

of Canossa. Henry, naked to the waist,

advanced towards him, followed by five

hundred and more of his men, all stripped

down to the loins, and armed with spears

and shields. Henry, kneeling down, said: "Most

Holy Father, I pray your Holiness, before

God, to lose me from the bond of anathema,

and to admit me to Christian communion;"

and he then swore, by his own soul, to be

thenceforward faithful to the old command-

ments of the Church. The Pope, then, having

received a sign from the hand of a deacon,

recited the psalm—*Miserere mei, Domine*, ac-

cording to the custom of the church, and the

psalm, *Deus miseratur nostri deus*, and the

SICKNESS ON THE GOLD COAST.

In Africa, change of climate is the chief

cause of sickness, and it is curious to see the

man who is robust and healthy in his own

country, when he comes to the Gold Coast,

and the vice versa. It is not the heat, but the

change of climate, which is the cause of

sickness. Many, however, require more

force to stimulate them; and these are fatal

cases. I remember one patient who was

ever yearning for the arrival of the

mail, and who, when the mail came, he

fell hopelessly back in his bed and begged

with tears in his eyes, to be left quiet till

the next steamer. My answer was to send for

a doctor and a nurse, to carry him home by

the steamer, and to make him over to the

ship, with the distinct understanding that

that if he did not get better, he should be

sent off to the hospital, where he would

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